

1 METHOD FOR PRODUCING A pH ENHANCED  
2 COMMINUTED MEAT PRODUCT

3 ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

4 A pH increasing material is placed in contact with the surface of an initial comminuted  
5 meat product. This contact with the pH increasing material increases the pH of the initial meat  
6 product to produce an intermediate meat product. The method also includes the step of removing  
7 the pH increasing material and applying mechanical action to the intermediate, pH increased  
8 meat product. The method may also include placing a pH lowering gas at a neutralizing pressure  
9 in contact with the surface of the intermediate meat product to decrease the pH of the meat  
10 product.